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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the August 17, 2011 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the August 17, 2011 Office Action is due on November 17, 2011. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.